

CAMPO VERDE SOLAR PROJECT

The Campo Verde Solar Project is located on private lands in Imperial County, California with a transmission interconnection that crosses public lands managed by the BLM. It will provide 139 MWs of clean energy to help meet federal, regional, and state goals for renewable energy.

VITALS

Location: Imperial County, CA

Technology: Photovoltaic

Energy Capacity: 139 megawatts

Company: Campo Verde Solar, LLC



THE BLM ACTION – the BLM authorizes

- ✓ Two alternate gen-tie routes across BLM land: primary alternative is 0.9 mile long, with 0.4 mile on land managed by the BLM; secondary is 1.0 mile long, with 0.9 mile on land managed by the BLM.

BY THE NUMBERS – the project is expected to

- ✓ Produce enough electricity to power nearly 42,000 homes
- ✓ Create 250+ jobs during peak construction and 5-7 permanent jobs
- ✓ Generate \$17.5 million in local tax revenue over the life of the project
- ✓ Generate roughly \$239 million of positive impact to County economy
- ✓ Built on 1,443 acres of previously disturbed private land
- ✓ 17 acre right-of-way on BLM land for 230 kilovolt gen-tie line to interconnect Project with the Imperial Valley Substation

STRONG ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW AND MITIGATION

BLM works closely with federal, state and local partners, members of the environmental and conservation community, and interested stakeholders to advance environmentally-sound projects.

- ✓ Smart Siting: The solar project will be constructed on disturbed private agricultural lands, avoiding impacts to higher quality habitat and the gen-tie line will be located within BLM-designated utility corridor.
- ✓ Habitat Compensation: The project will provide habitat compensation for flat-tailed horned lizard and burrowing owl to offset project impacts.

SMART, COLLABORATIVE PROCESS

In April of 2009, the BLM committed to helping the nation reach its clean energy future by guaranteeing coordinated, focused processing; full environmental analysis; and public review for renewable energy projects that had demonstrated they were ready to advance to the formal environmental review and public participation process. In the past two years, Interior Secretary Salazar has used this approach to approve over 30 major renewable energy projects on public lands.

THE BIG PICTURE

The Campo Verde Solar Project is one of the projects that will help achieve the Administration and Interior initiative of rapid and responsible progress for large-scale production of renewable energy on public lands. The State of California is working to meet a 33% Renewable Portfolio Standard, which will require adding 15,000 – 20,000 MW of renewable energy by 2020.

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